



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Opening the Seals

BY JOHN SHARP

Now the Lamb invested with all the authority to execute judgment having received His commission from God begins now to open the seals of the book which is in His nail-pierced hands, the Church safe in heaven. The tide of God's wrath begins to rise upon the unregenerate world. In Revelation six we find it sweeping through the earth. When Christ comes for His saints in mid-air, the true Church will arise to meet Him in the air and ever be with the Lord. When the rapture takes place it will not materially change the world. The event will soon be forgotten and men will plunge on in sin and iniquity drawing down swift judgments upon the nations. What we see fulfilled in the seal judgments are what our Lord called the beginning of sorrow, Matt. 24:8. From here on through to the 20th chapter of Revelation are recorded the events that are to transpire during seventieth week of Daniel. Nothing whatever of these predictions have yet been fulfilled. Nor can they be until after the true Church, the body and bride of Christ, has been taken out of the way.

We know from a careful study of the signs of the times that the seal judgments are soon to begin, consequently we know that the rapture of the saints is very near at hand. Glory be to God forever.

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were

the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see." The command of the living creature results in the appearing of a rider on a white horse who goes forth conquering and to conquer. He has a bow but no arrows, no ammunition, his is a bloodless conquest. He is given a crown—is made a king. Who is this rider? Some teach that he is the Lord Jesus or the Holy Ghost going forth to make a spiritual conquest of the world, but how can that be for Christ as the Lamb is holding the seven-sealed book and breaking its seals at that time. And again, these seals are symbols of judgment and not of grace. The long-suffering patience of God has at last been exhausted by this time and men have crossed the hidden boundary-line between His patience and His wrath. The Lord is indeed pictured as a rider upon a white horse. But when He comes it will be at the close of the tribulation of the 70th week of Daniel, and his victorious conquest will be far different from this rider under the first seal. Read carefully Psa. 45:1-5; Zech. 9:9-14; Rev. 19:11-21, and chapters 1 and 2 of Zechariah.

This white horse of Rev. 6:1, 2 is a brilliant, strategical and irresistible conqueror whose victories will dazzle the world and elevate him to a leadership that will place him at the head of the revived Roman Empire. He is the Antichrist, the prince that shall come and

who reconfirms the covenant with the Jews for seven years and at the middle of the week he takes away their daily sacrifice, Dan. 9:26-27. He is a type of Antiochus Epiphanes of Dan. 8:9-12; 11:21-33; the wilful king of Dan. 11:36-45; the little horn of Dan. 7:8, 19-27; the first beast of Rev. 13:1-8. Note correspondency of the description of all these, a proof that they all refer to one and the same person. He is Satan's superman—a human being who shall be the embodiment of all Satanic power. He will bring an era of peace and prosperity that will cause universal admiration, Rev. 13:3-4, but that peace will be short-lived as is evident from the breaking of the second seal, vs. 3-4. The second living creature summons the rider on a red horse, who takes peace from the earth, the false peace which the white horse rider had established, the universal peace of which the world dreams without the presence of the Prince of Peace; it doesn't last long. The red color of the horse symbolizes blood. And the great sword given this second rider is a symbol of war. Evidently the Antichrist and his autocratic methods will meet with strong opposition which will bring wars among the nations under the leadership of this red horse rider. Satan's counterfeit millennium ends with a world-wide reign of terror and bloodshed and 1 Thess. 5:3 is then fulfilled.

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The Urbana, Ill. district convention will convene at Urbana, Ill., June 3-5, inc. Brother J. R. Thomas, state overseer, will be present. We expect other ministers from all the other districts in the state. Also we expect Brother C. H. Standifer, state overseer of Indiana, and some more of his ministers to be with us in this convention. Most important, we are expecting the Lord to be present throughout this convention in a very gracious way.—Carl G. Carder, district overseer, 1101 E. Main St., Urbana, Ill.

We started a revival May 17 with Brother Charles Plotts of Iowa doing the preaching and Brother Bruce Bachman also of Iowa furnishing special music on his piano accordion and vocal solos. Please pray that this revival will prove a great blessing to the church in the salvation of many souls for God.—Carl G. Carder, pastor, Urbana, Ill.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God tabernacle near Gordo, Ala. the second Sunday in June, the 12th. Come one and all and enjoy a feast from the Lord. We are expecting Brother L. V. Agee, district pastor, to be with us. Brother Nance, you and your church at Cody, have a special invitation. Brother H. L. Whittington, we are expecting you to come and be with us and bring your fruit jars as the peaches will be getting ripe.—James Edgeworth, pastor, Reform, Ala.

A revival is now in progress at Great Falls, S. C. Please pray a special prayer for us that God will give us a great revival and many souls will be saved.—J. W. Hannah, pastor, Great Falls, S. C.

There will be a home coming at the Brilliant Church of God, Brilliant, Ala., the fifth Sunday in May. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the good blessings from the Lord. Bring a well-filled basket and if you sing or make music, come prepared.—J. M. Ashmore, pastor, Brilliant, Ala.

FOR SALE: A secondhand gospel tent in good condition, 45 foot round tent, has short poles and center pole, if desired. \$40.00 cash.—Mrs. L. H. Had-den, 303 E. Pine St., Jesup, Ga.

A revival started May 17 at Burkburnett, Tex. with Brother John H. Jones as the evangelist. Pray much for the saving of souls.—W. E. Rappy, pastor, Burkburnett, Tex.

Notice of Brother L. G. Rouse's visits to the churches in Missouri: Patton,

May 27; Cantwell, 28th; Bonne Terre, 29th; St. Louis (Hunt Ave.) 30th and 31st; Kirksville, June 1; Chillicothe, June 5; St. Joseph, N., 6th; St. Joseph, S., 7th; Kansas City (W. F. Long's mission), 8th; Joplin, 9th and 10th; Rich Hill, 11th; Brighton, 12th.—H. L. Marcum, overseer of Missouri.

The Blackwood brothers quartet composed of Roy E. Blackwood, first tenor, James Blackwood, second tenor, R. W. Blackwood, baritone, Doyle Blackwood, bass, and master of ceremonies, can be heard Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30 a. m. to 8:45 a. m. and every morning except Sundays at 9:00 a. m. to 9:15 a. m. over WJDX, Jackson, Miss. 5,000 watt station, operating on 1300 kc. Also each Sunday over WHEF, Kosciusko, Miss. at 9:00 to 9:45 a. m. operating on 1500 kc. and at the same time the same program is hooked up with Grenada WGRM, operating on 1210 kc. north Mississippi net work. Those who are interested might tune in.—Blackwood Brothers Quartet, c/o WJDX, Jackson, Miss.

The Church of God at High Falls, S. C. will have home coming day May 29. Everybody is invited to bring a well-filled basket and enjoy the day with us. We especially urge every member to attend as we will complete our mission drive that day. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother Beaubé, to be with us that day.—W. R. Wilbanks, pastor, S. Spring St., Walhalla, S. C.

The next West Frankfort district Y. P. E. rally will be held at Christopher, Ill., June 14. We have just begun this work, having had only two rallies, but we have had such good success that I'm sure they will continue to grow and glow.—Leonard Newton, district Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent, West Frankfort, Ill.

To the ministers in Texas: June 1 is set for the date to take an offering to paint our state tabernacle. Please pastor, see that an offering is taken in your church and send same to W. H. Woodall, Weatherford, Tex.—Finance Committee, H. N. Bridges, L. A. Baker, Wilma Henry, 706 N. W. 12th St., Ft. Worth, Tex.

There will be home coming at the Grasonville, Md. Church of God. Everybody is invited and is welcome. Bring your music and a basket well filled, as we will have dinner on the ground.—Floyd A. Boger, pastor, Grasonville, Md.

The Church of God at Lindsay, Okla. has started a tarrying service every Tuesday night and we are holding on to God for more power. We just pray. We are asking those who wish to be es-

pecially mentioned to God to send us your requests. Also if you want an anointed handkerchief for healing, send them in. We expect to see great things done in the name of the Lord. God met with us in a wonderful way in last Tuesday night's service. Come on, let us hear from all those who have special requests, and to the saints everywhere, pray for God to bless everyone.—The Church of God at Lindsay, Okla., Mrs. F. A. Miller, clerk, Gen. Del., Lindsay, Okla.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Hamilton, Ohio, Sunday, May 29. All members of this church are expected to come if you can, also you who are not members are welcome. There will be an all-day meeting with dinner on the grounds. Come and bring a well-filled basket. The church is being blessed of God spiritually and financially and I'm sure you will receive a blessing if you come. The church is located on the corner of 7th and Chestnut Sts.—Dewey L. Mullins, clerk, 1315 Bonacker Ave., Hamilton, Ohio.

We are in a revival here at Greeneville, Tenn. with Brother Ed Johnson of Danville, Va. doing the preaching. God is blessing and we are expecting a good revival. Pray for the church at Greeneville.—W. B. Chamberlain, Greeneville, Tenn.

There will be a home coming at Dailey's Chapel Church of God, Oneonta, Ala., Rt. 2, the fifth Sunday in May. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket as dinner will be served at the church.—David Ingram, pastor, Oneonta, Ala., Rt. 4.

Please pray earnestly for God to give us a good revival here at East Lake. It started last Sunday night with Brother Franklin doing the preaching. Brother A. V. Coker is to be the evangelist here beginning May 23. Neighboring churches please come and help us. The church is located at 6830 2nd Ave., S., Birmingham, Ala.—H. L. Kitchen, pastor, 6504 3rd Ave., S., Birmingham, Ala.

The revival fire is still burning at Coffeyville, Kans. We are now in the second week of the revival. The Lord is blessing. Brother Hopkins is giving out the Word. We are starting a new church building here now, 36x50, with basement. Pray for the revival and the work in Kansas.—J. T. Campbell, overseer of Kansas.

There will be all-day services at the Church of God at Oak Grove, Ala. the fifth Sunday in this month. Everybody is invited, especially the neighboring churches.—J. J. Williams, pastor, Thomsville, Ala.

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Our Calling and Election

By R. T. PANNELL

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure," 2 Peter 1:10. This text sets forth two definite subjects but they are closely related.

First, we want to see just who the apostle was speaking to when he made this exhortation. Some would have us believe that just a few could be elected according to the will of God. The Bible teaches that it's not the will of God that any should perish but that all should come to repentance, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Isa. 55:1, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Luke 14 gives a parable of what the kingdom of heaven is like; where the poor, the halt, the lame, the maimed and the blind are all invited. Jesus said, "Whosoever cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." All these scriptures, with thousands of others, teach us that this great call has been extended to all of us, both great and small. So it is entirely up to each one of us to take heed to the earnest appeal of the Holy Spirit as He knocks and pleads at our heart's door. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him, and he with me," Rev. 3:20.

The next thing we must find out is what is meant by this great call or what our calling really is. First we will look at 1 Thess. 4:7, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." Our calling may differ as God has set some in one place and some in another as it hath pleased Him, and Paul has warned us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. In order to do this we must first be holy, thus answering the main and important call that God has so forcibly made upon the human family from time to time. If we have ever been called to any position in God's kingdom, we have first been called to a life of holiness.

In Rom. 12:1 Paul said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

We see by this that Paul wanted people who were both holy and living, knowing they would have to be holy

before their service would be acceptable unto God, because God has never accepted anything unclean or unholy. Even under the law the lambs used in making a sacrifice had to be without spot or blemish. I know there are a lot of people who claim they have been called to repentance and called to preach and all this but deny the power of God and the baptism with the Holy Ghost, but Peter said on the day of Pentecost that the promise is to you and to your children and to them that are afar off even to all that are called. So, my friends, if you have been called to repent of your sins you have also been called to a life of holiness. What are you going to do about it? This is a personal question. It is time for us to wake up and give diligence along this line before it is too late.

Let's look at Heb. 3:1. Paul calls the Hebrew holy brethren "partakers of the heavenly calling." We see that our calling is not only a holy calling, but it is a heavenly calling, an honorable calling. 1 Thess. 4:6; Heb. 2:11. This is more than a call to society or a business. This is a call direct from God out of heaven upon which hangs our eternal destiny. It is clear, it is definite, it is important, yet we can defer or ignore it if we wish. In view of all this, many, yea thousands, will be lost because it is left entirely up to man to do as he likes in the matter.

This call may come to us often in life. Prov. 29:1, "He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." As Jesus looked on that beloved city with compassion in His heart and tears in His eyes He said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I have gathered you together as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings and ye would not."

Just a few lines now about the election. As the call may come to us often in life, the election comes only once. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," Heb. 9:27. There has been a day appointed for which to judge the quick and the dead. This is the election that Peter was referring to in the text. I am sure we all want to be elected on that day. Let's ask ourselves the solemn question, What am I doing about it? How am I answering my call?

We remember one day as Jesus was nearing the house where Martha and Mary lived. He told Martha to call her sister Mary, and tell her that "the Master is come and calleth for thee." May

God help us today to realize that the Master is calling for us to do service for Him. Are we giving diligence to make sure that we are doing our best for the Master in every walk of life? If not, let's get busy now for the time is slipping by. Many good opportunities have already gone by and are forever lost. A little more sleep, a little more slumber, and we will miss our calling. There is nothing left for us to do but fill our appointment and hear our fatal doom.

If we were in the race for some office of county or state we, no doubt, would be very much enthused. Some of us would walk twenty miles barefooted in the snow to get just one vote cast in for the purpose of being elected. Now we are in the race for eternal life, an inheritance undefiled and that fadeth not away, and we are very careless knowing that this race is entirely left up to our own efforts and the way we redeem the time while we have the opportunity. Just think of a man working against himself. Thousands are doing this very thing and hoping that God will, in His own good way, accept them. God is and has done all that He could for the salvation of your immortal soul, while the devil is doing all that he can to defeat you. So it will take a strong effort on our part to make our calling and election sure.

Church Moving On

CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—The Church of God at Carlsbad, N. Mex. is moving along fine. Our Sunday School is growing. We have just finished our first month as pastor. Our Sunday School has grown from an average of forty and two-fifths in March to an average of seventy-five in April. Last Sunday, May 1, seventy-nine were present.

The Y. P. E. has been organized since the second Wednesday night in April with forty present and in four service nights has grown to sixty-nine. Last night we had one of as good programs as I have ever seen. We are looking for better days for the Church of God at Carlsbad, N. Mex.

I know the devil doesn't want the Church of God to grow but our God is a big God, He has promised to go with us all the way. I know He will, bless His name. I find a real loyal band of saints here. They surely see after their pastor's needs with their poundings and are almost one hundred per cent in paying tithes. We sing a song, If we all pull together we will have a revival, so dear friends, please pray that the Lord will keep on leading us and keep on building the work here and give us a revival.—W. M. Ford, pastor, Box 616.

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"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," Heb. 10:25.

Corbin, Ky. Dist. Convention

The Corbin district convention convened at Middlesboro church, Rt. 1, April 29-May 1, with Brother T. M. McClendon in charge. The welcome address was delivered by Brother Sam Holcomb, local pastor. Those speaking to us during the convention were Brothers T. M. McClendon, state overseer, Sam Holcomb, Edd Cox, "Happy" Tom Brooks, W. H. Bowman and Starling Smith.

Saturday morning short talks were given in behalf of the Willing Workers Band. Sunday's services were uplifting and the presence of the Lord was great. Brother McClendon brought a message on missions, helping us to see the need to work. An offering of \$23.28 was taken. Just before the close of the convention we had a trio during which time we received a shower from heaven. Brother B. H. Enix then took an offering for our state overseer.—Susie Durham, Middlesboro, Ky.

Double Springs, Ala. District Convention

The Double Springs, Ala. district convention is now in the past and we can truly say it was the best ever held on the district. The convention convened at the Helicon Church of God and was well attended by all the churches. The convention was saddened, however, by an accident. A car overturned, filled with some precious saints on their way to the convention, and Sister Lee was killed almost instantly. She was one of the sweetest saints in the Jones Chapel church. Friday night, the opening night, Brother Whittington arrived with Sisters Baird, our state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendents, Sister Bertha Haynes and Brother Whittington's daughters. The delegates came in and victory was claimed from the first. Brother Padgett, our district pastor, had to leave on account of the serious ill-

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ness of his wife who was in the hospital near death.

All the churches went over the top in everything. The mission offering was \$50.00 and everyone was encouraged. Helicon is coming to the front again under the leadership of Brother Padgett. Saturday night, Brother Otis L. McCoy, our Music Editor, and wife came with the new song books and added to the enjoyment of the convention.

Brother Whittington is a great man who has his heart in the work. He has lost his car. Saints in Alabama, send him an offering so he can get another car; he has some on it already. Thank you each one who co-operates in this.—Charles W. McCoy, Rt. 1, Arley, Ala.

Pulaski, Va. Dist. Conv'n.

The Pulaski, Va., district convention was held in Pulaski, April 29-May 1. It was a great blessing. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way from the first service to the last one. Brother Dorman, our state overseer, was in charge, and all the preachers on the district were present. The speakers all seemed to do their best. The building would not hold the people. The pastors of the district are: Brother Vance Perkins of Radford, Brother Hinkley of Christianburg, Brother E. Ray Kirk of Parrott, Brother W. H. Ward, Sister Lucinda Rumbley and I. All are getting along well at their churches—some are building and some are not but we're all fighting the devil. Praise the Lord.

We raised for missions about \$32.00. If you really love the body of Christ, the Church of God, you are welcome on the Pulaski district, but if not, you had better stay away for God is fighting for us and we for Him. We appreciate our overseers and government from Cleveland down. Pray for the Pulaski district.

The convention speakers were Brothers J. L. Dorman, state overseer, Harmon Bolt, W. R. Dobbins, J. O. Eure, Sister Lucinda Rumbley, Brothers D. K. Hinkley, W. R. Messer, Vance Perkins. We had special music by Brother W. R. Messer and family, Radford string band and Pulaski string band. The sweet presence of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost

hovered over us. Sunday afternoon was taken up with the reports of the churches and it cheered our hearts to see how God is blessing in all the churches on the district. Many souls are getting blessed and coming into the Church of God and the work is moving along extra well. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory. Remember us in your prayers that God will continue to bless on the Pulaski district.—W. I. Bass, district pastor.

Big Island, Mo. Dist. Conv'n.

The Big Island district convention convened at the Vicksburg, Mo., Church of God and was stated to be more than successful. We have here but four churches on our district but God certainly did bless with a large delegation and attendance at each service. Brother H. L. Marcum, state overseer, Brother B. W. Elliott, district overseer, and our other ministers were anointed with the Holy Ghost until the saints marvelled at the demonstration and power of their preaching. We learned repentance, conversion, sanctification, Holy Ghost baptism, tithing and the Church of God as quoted in the Bible.

Our congregation was moved to tears and deep sympathy when urged to give to missions, orphans and our state officials. The offerings were amazingly large. To one of our sisters was given nearly fifty dollars; she has been confined to her bed, lying prostrate on her abdomen for thirteen years. She is a Godly saint and lives consecrated. She is Miss Florence Cunningham, Gen. Del., Steele, Mo. Our district reports success in its work; in fact, Missouri is beginning to show up among the many others. We have one of the best overseers in the world and we have vowed to stand united for this great work.—Humbly, the pastor, Chancel French, Rt. 2, Box 121, Steele, Mo.

A Great Convention

The writer had the honor and very great pleasure of attending last Sunday morning, at Erwin, N. C., the Erwin and Wilmington districts convention of the Church of God at the Church of God tabernacle. This meeting of these joint district conventions had been planned, with great interest and much preparation for several weeks. The first meeting was last Friday night at 7:00 and the meeting with different programs extended through Saturday and the final and climaxing meeting was held Sunday morning, May 1, at 10:00.

At the meeting Sunday morning there were at least eight hundred people present. Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer of North Carolina, also chairman of the Mission Board and one of the Twelve Councillors, was present. The keynote of this meeting Sunday was for the im-

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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The Holy Ghost, His Place and Leadership

"He will guide you into all truth," John 16:13.

"Ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise," Eph. 1:13.

"For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people," 2 Cor. 6:16.

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit," Gal. 5:25.

This is the Holy Ghost or Church age. The redemption work of the Father and the Son is carried on by the operation and ministry of the Holy Ghost in the Church.

The dispensation began with the little band of disciples who were baptized with the Holy Ghost and went out preaching and teaching under the anointing and directions given them by the Holy Ghost. Their success was due entirely to the presence and work of the Spirit in and through them. And this is the plan for the entire dispensation, until Jesus returns.

For Individual Salvation

The change of heart and quickening into life that all men must have to be saved is called the birth of the Spirit. It is the Spirit, the Holy Ghost, that quickens the dead and brings them into life. John 3:5; Rom. 8:16.

The sanctification, willed by God, 1 Thess. 4:3, provided by the death of Jesus, Heb. 13:12, preached by Paul, Peter, and others, is called "the sanctification of the Spirit," 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thess. 2:13, and is accomplished by the operation of the Holy Ghost, Rom. 15:16.

It is said that the Spirit quickens the moral body, Rom. 8:11, and the gift of healing is a gift of the Spirit, 1 Cor. 12.

It is the right of the Holy Ghost to dwell in the heart of every believer in this dispensation. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Cor. 3:16.

The Life of the Individual Christian

They all walk in the Spirit, and obey the Spirit's leadings. Gal. 5:16. All others walk in the flesh, or in sin.

In time of trial, or need, the Holy Ghost teaches and directs the believer as to what he shall say or do. Matt. 10:19, 20. He teaches them how to pray,

and even prays through them. Rom. 8:26. He is the great Comforter, and abides with all believers as such for this entire dispensation. Acts 9:31; 2 Cor. 1:4. Every blessing, grace, fruit, or gift of the Spirit is due to His presence and ministry.

In Public Worship

Public worship is of God. Heb. 10:25. It is designed to be conducted by Spirit-filled worshipers, who know God and the leadings of His Spirit. Its purpose is to bring the fullness of the Spirit of God into the hearts and lives of men, with all that that means.

The order of the service is to be of the Spirit, not man's spirit, or some other spirit, but the Spirit of God, and therefore according to the Word of God. 1 Cor. 14:12.

The singing is to be in the Spirit, or spiritual.

The praying is to be in the Spirit, and with the understanding.

The preaching of the Word of God is to be in the demonstration of the Spirit and power. 1 Cor. 2:4.

Human, or man-made order, singing, praying and preaching without the Spirit of God upon it is a perversion of divine worship. How much that passes for the worship of God in the world today only touches the right track now and then, or maybe not at all. In olden times when Israel undertook to go through the form of worship with sin in their hearts, or in the wrong spirit, God practically told them that He would pay no attention to them, nor have anything to do with them. Isa. 1:13-15.

In the Church in General

Jesus is "the Lord of the harvest," Matt. 9:38; He is the "husbandman" that "waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth," James 5:7. At most and best, in His great service, men can only be leaders under Him. In that Church which He hath purchased with His own blood, it is the Holy Ghost who appoints the "overseers," we are told. Acts 20:28. By "overseers" we understand that he means all who preach, teach, or are leaders in any respect.

How poor the job men do when they undertake to do the work assigned to the Holy Ghost! Have thy proper place among us, blessed Holy Ghost, then we shall find our proper places under thee!

In the great task of world evangelism, God needs men, real Spirit-filled men, men who know and are ready to

follow the leadings of the Holy Ghost, the great Leader and Guide. From the ranks of such He must get the pastors, evangelists, missionaries, editors, teachers, and workers required. The apostles were divinely called, taught, led, and used. Men have changed this order but the Head of the Church has not. "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest," Matt. 9:37, 38. Amen.

The Bible Stands

The fact that the Bible is old is one of its best recommendations. It has been tried in the lapse of time. It has stood the assault of ages of infidelity. Again and again, in the judgment of its adversaries, it ought to have been demolished. But it will not die; it still retains its hold on the hearts of mankind. As we think of its surviving all attacks, we are reminded of that symbol of their faith chosen by Biza and the French Protestants, which was an anvil, at whose foot lay a pile of broken hammers, while over it the legend was, "Hammer away, ye hostile bands: Your hammers break God's anvil stands."—A. H. Currier.

The University of Jerusalem

Students are in the Hebrew University from all over the world, and no language except Hebrew is spoken in Class or Social Hall. Leaving the roof we were taken to the various laboratories. The professor said: "Come over here and I will show you something of great interest." We were led to another case where we saw a plant preserved. It was vine-like and the professor said, "This plant in Hebrew is called 'tzelaff.' It is spoken in our Talmud. We are told there that when our Messiah is about to come, this plant will be found growing in Palestine. It springs up in the night, bears leaves, and then a bud in the forenoon, and a full crimson flower blossoms at noon. In the afternoon it begins to change, and in place of the flower there is a berry of fruit forming and by night the fruit is full grown, as you see it here. Today, all over Palestine, this plant is to be found. We know the Messiah is coming soon. "Of course," we quickly answered, "but our Messiah came when Jesus Christ came." There was no discourteous rejection of our word, but a quiet answer, "Yes, that is what you Christians say, but we believe He is yet to come, and very soon." He told of the preparations for the erection of the Temple, that the various parts were even now being prepared, and he spoke with anticipation that God would help to secure the much desired temple area. —Sel.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

FROM OLD MEXICO

I have no doubt but that you want to know what God has done in Mexico in the last three months. In C. Obregon a mighty revival with big crowds attending is in progress. Forty-three have prayed through, gotten saved, sanctified and baptized in water, thirteen have been filled with the Holy Ghost.

In Esperanza, another town, twenty-eight have been saved and six filled with the Holy Ghost. The healing power of God was manifested in different ways. A blind man received his sight instantly, also a man afflicted with paralysis was healed.

In my last visit to San Blas Sinaloa God prepared the way for me in a marvelous manner. I was sad because after four years of work there we never had the seal of the approval of the Holy Ghost in our work, so I prayed before I went, and right from the first night the house where we held the service was shaken when the first one received the Holy Ghost. A lady who was born in the United States, who knows Chenes very well, was the interpreter of the message given by the fourteen-year-old girl who received the Holy Ghost. From this night on three or four received a blessing every night and now we have nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost and thirty-one baptized in water. Four couples who were living together have married and are forming Christian homes. There were four men in the congregation who had taken possession of land which did not belong to them, according to Hab. 1:1-7, and I denounced that sin and said they could not be children of God nor members of our Church if they did not make restitution. One of them has already made restitution and the others are planning to do so.

In the meantime a lot was donated to us on which to build a church and a brother has given us three thousand adobes for that purpose. So by the grace of God I intend to go back soon and do more building.

We have just finished our beautiful church in C. Obregon. God is blessing there, also the work that Brother Fernando Gonzales is doing in Nogales. Pray for us.—Your sister in the Lord, Mary W. Atkinson.

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Totonican, Guatemala
Central America
March 16, 1938.

We have been greatly encouraged in the work this past year, the Lord has

worked in a precious way. In January we visited a new station, Jocote, in the department of Quiche; traveled by car to a little place called Trapicitos, "little rags"; from there we traveled by horseback, crossing and recrossing the Black and White rivers, then up one or two slopes of a mountain. It was getting dark when we dismounted in the valley of Jocote. Several Christian brethren had come out to meet us and soon we were eating our supper of black beans, "tortillas" (little corn cakes) and black coffee.

The blessing of the Lord came down in the first service. They'd made a chapel by placing limbs of trees covered with pine needles for a roof; the walks were of pine branches and the floor was covered with pine needles. The people of Jocote are very poor in the things of the world, but they are rich in the things of God. We had six services in two days, also a baptismal service. A sister and her aged mother were baptized. She testified that, before being converted, she hated the gospel, but that believers faithfully giving their testimony had convinced her that salvation was real. We had a blessed service in her home the next afternoon, walking six miles in the hot sun. Most of the Christians at Jocote are saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost. They are on fire for God, going to the near-by towns for services.

February 25-27 we had a three days' conference at Chuicaca. We left Totonican on horseback Thursday morning arriving at Chuicaca in time for supper and the first service that night. Believers came from all over the work, more than five hundred were present. We praised the Lord for His redeeming power as we looked upon these precious Indians, freed from sin and idol worship, filled with the blessed Holy Ghost, dancing and shouting the praises of God. It was a touch of heaven on earth. Three young ladies, two of them school teachers from Chichicastenango, Quichedpt, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost; a number of others received the Holy Ghost also, including several children. There was a special service to pray for the sick and we listened to testimonies of God's healing power, after they were anointed and prayed for. Thirty-one were baptized in water. There are two chapels at Chuicaca where the Word of God is preached. Next Friday we plan to go again to dedicate another chapel, making three chapels there.

We are glad to report that our con-

gregation here under the able leadership of Don Jose M. Enriguez, native pastor, is growing and our little chapel here is overcrowded. They have bought a lot right on the main street and plan to build a suitable chapel as soon as possible. At a town called Chuisuc, near San Cristobal, a new chapel was dedicated to the Lord recently. The work is pressing on. We ask the prayers of all the Evangel family that God will send a mighty revival throughout all of Guatemala.

✓ We have our dear Brother Ingram with us, he plans to visit all the out stations while here. We gave messages at San Cristobal Sunday night, Totonican last night, tomorrow we go to Quezaltenango for the service there. All are eager to have Brother Ingram visit them in their own towns. His life hid with Christ in God inspires the hearts of everyone of us to press on to certain victory for God and our beloved Church of God.—Yours in Him for Guatemala, Carrie E. Furman.

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Dear family of readers: We realize that you are anxious at times to hear from your brothers and sisters in the foreign fields and to know how God is blessing in the far off lands.

Well, it has been quite a period since we have written to our dear old paper, but we are glad to report victory over here in the Bahama Islands. God is working in a marvelous way and we can report wonderful blessings in our recent visit to one of our districts on the outer islands.

We left Nassau on March 9 and started our services on the 11th. We had revival services at Green Turtle Cay for about seven days and the saints there were greatly revived. We left Green Turtle Cay on Saturday the 10th ult. for Cooper's Town and started services that night and continued until the next Friday night, the 25th ult. We had about eleven services at Cooper's Town and it is estimated that about twenty souls found the Lord and were greatly blessed. Some were converted, some sanctified and some filled with the blessed Holy Ghost.

On Saturday morning about forty delegates from Cooper's Town took the boat for Green Turtle Cay for a district convention and we surely had a blessed time in the Lord. This encourages us more and more to work for the Master for we see that His hand is upon us for good. We will be leaving here again on Saturday the 9th inst. for the southern district of Andors where we are planning to put up a battle against the enemy for about fourteen days, D. V., and the God whom we serve is able to give us the victory. Kindly remember us especially in prayer.

Dear beloved, we can truly say that
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BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

All Things According to the Pattern

IRVING KNOX, *Correspondent Student*

Scripture lesson, Matt. 7:24, 26, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand."

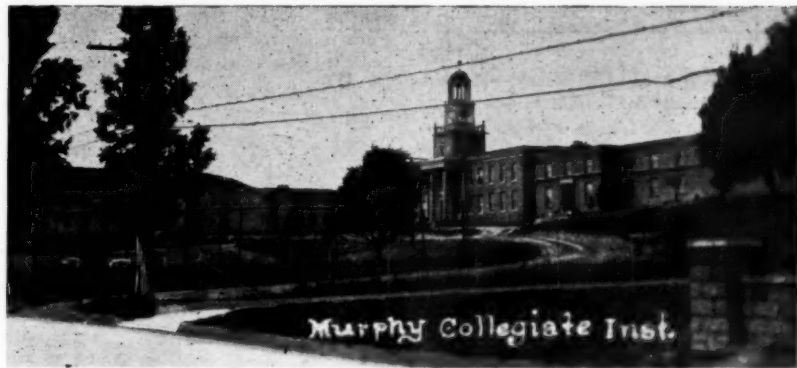
This is the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount. The doctrine clearly taught in these verses is, that all are building but not all are building according to the pattern; that there are two, and only two classes of builders. Christ calls them in His sermon "wise" and "foolish." We will consider in this sermon, very briefly, what particular characteristics distinguish the wise from the foolish.

Observe first, the wise man built a house but notice he is not content to build at random. Any old building will not do. He thinks, "I have seen from experience that this is a stormy country and even if the sun is shining now, some day there will arise a great tempest and I must build so that my house can stand the most vehement storms." Let us suppose that he went to a contractor for a plan and a blueprint to build by. They search out a nice appearing lot and the contractor digs down beneath the surface and finds no firm rocks upon which to lay a foundation. He tells the wise man that the place has no suitable stony foundation upon which to erect. The wise man seeks and digs until he strikes hard rock. There he builds but is careful to make all things by the pattern of the contractor. He heard and did according as he told him. The storms and winds came and blew but it fell not because it was built upon a good foundation.

Paul said, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Men may search from pole to pole, from center to circumference but the only sure foundation that will ever be found is Jesus. The Scriptures teach that, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity!" 2 Timothy 2:19. The psalmist said, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which can not be removed, but abideth forever," Ps. 125:1.

The winds of adversity may sweep around us in all the Satanic fury possible
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BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL'S NEW HOME



The above is another view of the new home of the Bible Training School. I am quoting from the newspaper at Sevierville, the "Sevier County Republican and the Sevier County Record":

**"THE CHURCH OF GOD PEOPLE AGAIN PURCHASERS OF M. C. I.
"Final Bids on Property Received at Courthouse, Saturday, May 7"**

"The Murphy College property which has been under hammer for some time was finally bid in by the Church of God officials last Saturday for \$29,990.00, and the sale was confirmed by Chancellor McCanless. . . . Competitive bids went forward by \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00 bids. It was finally knocked off to the Church of God.

"At the close of the sale the large crowd present formed themselves into a mass convention with J. B. Waters as chairman and proceeded to extend greetings and a hearty welcome to the Church of God people on coming to Sevierville. A number of welcoming speeches were made by those present, and a committee composed of A. M. Paine, I. A. Watson and Cleo Burchfield was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions.

"The committee reported the following resolutions which were adopted:

"RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, the Church of God has purchased the Murphy College property at Sevierville, for Church and school purposes, and

"WHEREAS, it has been announced by the purchasers that it proposes to open and operate a school on said property;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the citizens of Sevierville in mass convention assembled in the Courthouse, in Sevierville:

"That we greet and welcome said Church of God and School to our community and town and bespeak for them an abundant success.

"This May 7, 1938

"J. B. Waters, Chairman of convention

"Committee: A. M. Paine, Cleo Burchfield, I. A. Watson."

I understand Brother Tharp has received a check in the amount of \$90.00, which was unsolicited, from one or two of the business men who were interested in our coming to Sevierville.

I am informed that there are 86 rooms in the girls' dormitory and 76 rooms in the boys' dormitory. With two girls each to the room there would be room for 172, and with two boys to the room there would be room for 152, which would care for 324 students. In event it becomes necessary the rooms are sufficiently large enough to place three girls to the room, thus taking care of 258 girls, and in the boys' rooms with the double deck beds, four boys to each room would be far less crowded than they were here at Cleveland, which would give accommodations for 304 boys. Or, the extreme capacity of the buildings is approximately 562.

These buildings are all modernly equipped with city electric lights and good city water, in replacement of the school's former water system.

The new home of the school is receiving enthusiastic greetings from our ministers and student body, both through correspondence and to me personally.

I have just returned from Jacksonville, Florida, and a group of students are expecting to enter the school from there.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.



CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—A ten nights' meeting was held at Hazel Chapel church. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Evert Wright conducted the services. Three joined the church. We are looking for the Lord to bless and souls to be saved. Any Church of God minister passing this way is invited to stop for service.—Mrs. R. G. Anderson, secretary and treasurer; Brother Chas. Sullivan, pastor.

BLUE DIAMOND, Ky.—Praise God for the revival just closed here at the Church of God with our pastor, Brother John Newton, in charge, assisted by Brother B. F. Hall. It ran from March 23 to May 8. God was with us in great power. Twenty-nine were saved, twenty-one sanctified, eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost, thirty added to the church and twenty-two baptized. On April 10 we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing with fifty-three taking part. The church has been strengthened and built up greatly. The saints are greatly encouraged and seem to have a greater determination to do more for God and His cause. Please pray much for us that God will continue to bless our church. He is wonderfully blessing Brother B. F. Hall in the work. He desires to devote his full time in the ministry and if anyone wants a revival please write him. His address is Clemons, Ky.—Ancy Baker, clerk.

HALF ACRE, Ala.—We enjoyed a revival which started May 1 and ran through the 7th. Brother Julius Williamson did the preaching. Saints were revived and sinners made to believe holiness was right. On Saturday night Brother and Sister Anders from Nicholville were with us. We had a wonderful service. Brother Williamson is our pastor and he is a good one. We have wonderful times. Pray for us that we will stand true till Jesus comes or calls for us and that Brother Williamson will continue to be our pastor. — Mrs. J. G. Huckabee, Myrtlewood, Ala.

BARTOW, Fla.—We praise the Lord for the four and a half weeks' revival that closed last Wednesday night. Brother Bruce Watson of Lake Wales, Fla., gave us some good, deep preaching for the first two weeks for which we thank the Lord. Saints were encouraged to draw nearer to God. The last two and a half weeks Brother and Sister Hause of Eagle Lake, Fla., came over and did some wonderful preaching. We praise God for these good people for they certainly proved a blessing to the church and also sinners. We welcome them back any time. Several were saved, one received

the Holy Ghost and four were reclaimed. Two were baptized and added to the church Sunday. We praise God for our faithful pastor and his wife. Pray that the church here at Bartow will grow and glow for God.—Dora Cowles, Rt. 1, Box 420-D.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—The Church of God at 6510 Grant St., S., St. Joseph, Mo., pastored by W. R. Dalton, was in a revival from March 3 to April 6, conducted by Brothers George Tate and Jones Ross of West Virginia. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were thirteen saved, twelve sanctified, eleven baptized in water, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, nineteen added to the church and we believe there are others looking this way.—Floyd Tracy, clerk.

HARLAN, Ky.—Our revival began May 1 with Brother G. W. Lane doing the preaching for a week and a half, then Brother Ivan R. Stone came and continued for three weeks longer. Both preachers did some fine preaching. There were about twelve saved, some sanctified and at least three filled with the Holy Ghost. Seven were baptized and three added to the church. This revival was a great success. The saints were encouraged and we have large crowds. We organized a young people's prayer meeting. In our first meeting seventeen testified to victory. An altar call was made and eight or ten came crying to the Lord. Brother Stone will start his next revival at Lynch May 8. Pray for us in Harlan.—T. A. Richard, pastor, Box 45, Harlan, Ky.

MT. GAY, W. Va.—We closed a successful revival at Dempsey Branch on May 1. The revival began April 18 and continued fourteen nights with seven saved, six sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were revived. There certainly is a good crowd of saints to work with at this place.—W. Haskell Compton, evangelist, Mt. Gay, W. Va.

LINDSAY, Okla.—Dear saints, Lindsay, Okla. is still in the battle for God. We just closed a two weeks' revival conducted by Brother G. M. Bloomingdale, our good overseer, and his good wife. Surely God did bless. Nine souls were saved and some sanctified. Brother Bloomingdale surely preached some soul-stirring messages. The saints were greatly encouraged and built up. We appreciate Sister Bloomingdale's service at the piano and other ways. We hope God will lead them here again. Pray for Lindsay, we are having a struggle.—Mrs. F. A. Miller.

WHITBY, Turks Is., B. W. I.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival. Praise the Lord. Brother E. Musgrove was good help in this revival. Two were

saved, and one sanctified. Brother E. Musgrove and I, with five other saints, visited Sandy Point. We delivered eight sermons. One was saved and one sanctified. They did not want us to leave them. I need the saints to pray for me that the Lord will make a way for me to stay on the field for the Lord; the saints are very poor here. Many of them after they get saved can't go out. These are hard fields, so we need your prayers. Dear saints and friends, if there is any clothing you could send us, we would be glad. Seven of us returned from the mission last night and all of us are filled with cold.—J. T. Musgrove.

BRISTOL, Tenn.—We praise God for His many blessings to us and especially for a successful three weeks' revival which closed April 24. This revival was held in our district tent, conducted by Brother Sam C. Perry of Miami, Fla. Eleven were saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. Brother Perry's messages were beneficial to all and were brought forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Large crowds attended the services and on Sundays many were unable to even get near enough to receive the services. We were on the air several nights, and with the good reports and vast crowds we are sure that interest in the Church of God is rapidly increasing. We had an all-day meeting and served dinner on the last Sunday. The church expresses sincere appreciation to the business concerns and friends who rendered splendid co-operation for the dinner and radio programs. May God bless Brother Perry in his efforts for the Master and bountifully reward our dear pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Cook, for their never-tiring efforts in the work here.—Mrs. A. L. Waters, clerk, 109 16th St.

SWITCHBACK, W. Va.—We praise God for the good revival which closed here two weeks ago at the Ennis Church of God. Sister Sadie Freeland was the evangelist and she did some very good preaching. Eight were saved, five sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost and the church is in better spiritual condition than it was before the revival. We praise God for our good pastor, Brother A. T. Little, and for the good messages he brings. Pray for us here that we will do God's will at all times. Pray that He will save other souls at Ennis before it is too late.—John P. Taylor, clerk.

UNICOI, Tenn.—We report victory for the Church of God at Unicoi. We have just closed a revival and we feel that there was much good done. Not many prayed through but the church is revived. We had baptizing and took one in the church since the revival.

Brother Swift of Johnson City opened the revival and preached a few nights. He got sick and had to quit so Sister Quinten took charge and ran it awhile, then Brother Sifford, our pastor, finished it. We are having a good time; the Lord is blessing in many ways here. Pray that He will continually bless. We love our pastor, he is a good man and has been a blessing to the church since coming here.—D. H. Linville, clerk.

WEATHERFORD, Tex.—We have just closed a meeting with Brother Henry, pastor at Fort Worth, in charge. There was much good done; several were blessed and the Lord blessed Brother Henry in giving out the Word of God. People here enjoyed the good preaching. The Lord is blessing us here and we are expecting great things from Him.—O. L. Crow, pastor.

PORTLAND, Me.—We praise God for the two weeks' revival that just closed. Brother O. J. Plake of Tennessee conducted the services. God surely used him in a wonderful way in bringing forth the Word, it was rich food and we were benefited by it. We trust the Lord will send Brother Plake back to Portland for another revival after he finishes his work in the northern part of Maine. Brother Plake made many friends while here in our city. Those wonderful messages will never be forgotten by those present. Precious saints from other assemblies came and enjoyed this rich food. Please pray for our work here.—Mae L. Gardner, clerk, 33 St. Lawrence St.

TISHOMINGO, Okla.—The Church of God at Bullet Prairie is rising and shining for God under the leadership of our dear pastor, Brother R. E. Collins. Our dear Savior has been smiling upon us and has given us two wonderful revivals—one conducted by Brother and Sister O. I. Baney, in which several were saved and sanctified and some filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the church, the other conducted by Brother C. Rodgers. He surely is a firebrand for God. The Lord is still blessing here at this little church. Brother Collins set this church in order and put on a drive to raise the money to build our church. We have paid off the notes on the church building, also raised enough to pay off one-half on our new three-room parsonage. Pray that God will bless our efforts here at Bullet Prairie. We appreciate our pastor and his family.—Joe Anoatubby, clerk, Rt. 2.

CANTON, N. C.—Our revival began with Sister Mary Lee Thompson in charge. We had a wonderful revival and praise God because His promises are still

the same. Saints were made to realize their need of a closer walk with Jesus, backsliders came to themselves and decided to come back home to their faithful Father who had so patiently awaited their return, while precious hearts who never knew this wonderful Father or His Son became hungry to make this journey with us and sent their names ahead that their mansion might be ready when their work on earth was done. Twenty were saved and twelve sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God for these precious souls who were rescued before it was too late. We feel the need of prayer. Let us pray for the Church, for the way is not hard when Jesus undertakes for us.

On Sunday, May 1, 1938, our church had a home coming. The Lord blessed. We also had a drive on for the past two months to get money to pay on the indebtedness of the church property. In our drive we got \$251.75, for which we truly praise God. We praise the Lord for Brother William Minty's faithfulness in soliciting money, he solicited \$100.00. We also appreciate our good pastor, Brother R. E. Hamilton, and his wife and family. Pray that the work will prosper and grow for the glory of God. We praise the Lord for Sister Mary Lee Thompson, we feel she is a real firebrand for God.—Mrs. E. C. Bradburn.

REPORT OF WORK IN KANSAS

We are now in the first week of a revival at Coffeyville that bids fair to be an old-time, Pentecostal outpouring. The altar is full each night. Bro. Hopkins is doing the preaching. We appreciate the good messages, he is delivering. We thank God for ministers who will preach old-time holiness until people will become stirred. We have had a revival spirit here at this church all the year. We don't remember just how many have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost but we have had forty-two additions to the church this year. We are believing God for twenty-five more in this revival. Pray for this place.

The work at Independence, Kans., is a small work of twenty-one members yet they can do things. They were in a little rented building, paying \$10.00 a month, and they decided they just as well be paying for them a place, so we helped them make a deal for a small church building and a four-room parsonage. They are now in their new location, God is blessing them and they are making their payments in spite of the recession. The church is making some progress. Brother Archie Line and his wife are pastoring there. Brother Line is a young man just licensed this year. He is making good, the people love him, he is sacrificing for the cause and God is blessing

him. They have had one very good revival this year. We want the Evangel family to remember this place when you pray.

Neodesha, Kans., is another small, new church but they are making some progress. Brother Andy Newport, another young preacher just licensed this year, is pastoring at this place. They also have had a very successful revival, conducted by Brother and Sister Mitchell. I believe about twelve were saved, some sanctified and three baptized in water. We have had only one addition to the church here but we are looking for more soon. Brother and Sister Mitchell are planning on starting a tent revival here in about two weeks. We are expecting much good to be done. Remember them in prayer, they are trying to get a new church building. They have their lots and part of the material.

We go now over to Wichita, Kans., out on the plains. Being from the plains of Texas, I feel at home at Wichita. This is over near the edge of the dust bowl section but is a fine town of 117,000 population, and what tickles me is that there is a Church of God there rising and shining in the west side of that city, and we want to see one rising in the east side before the Assembly. We were with this church last week. They are in a revival with Brother and Sister Mitchell in charge. There have been several saved and sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. Among this five there were two preachers and one exhorter. All five of them are good workers, all are adults and all have the Holy Ghost. The first report we had from this church was that it had lost its building and one sister was trying to carry on the Sunday School in her home but just had from four to six in Sunday School. The Lord has blessed them with a building and their Sunday School has increased. Last month they had an average of forty-five. Sister Caldwell is taking care of this church. She is another worker who has cast her lot with the Church of God this year and is surely doing a good work. She loves her folks and they love her. Her husband also came in the Church. He doesn't have the Holy Ghost yet but he is working faithfully for it. He is a fine man. There is fine material in Wichita looking toward the Church of God. Pray that we can present it to them in a way that will cause them to get hungry for it. Our zeal runs high for the Church of God. I believe we need to preach and try to impress the benefit of government in the body. We need that just as much as the other gifts and maybe more so. We have lots of folks here who despise government, yet they practice it as long as they can be the "governor." Well, we must leave Wichita now. It is hard to leave it but we

will have to hurry along.

We go now to the Pittsburg district. Pittsburg is a nice little city of 18,000 population, in a mining district in the east central part of the state near the Missouri line. It is a beautiful town and the Church of God has a location on East 13th Street in a fine residential section. They had what we would call a church revival. It was in the winter. Brother and Sister Mitchell were there with them. The weather was bad but the church was revived and two were saved, I believe it was. The greatest progress here at Pittsburg has been made in a financial way. There are not very many of them but believe me they can do things. God moved on these people about some indebtedness that was on their church and they went to work. The Ladies' W. W. B. is doing a great work here and they have some men who are willing workers too. They have raised over \$150.00 on their indebtedness and at the same time have floored their church, which cost \$75.00 or \$100.00, and they have that practically paid for. They are in shape now for a real revival. Brother C. C. Rains is dividing his time with this church and Weir church, which we will speak more about later. Time and space will not permit us to say all we want to say about the good work in Kansas.

We must move on down to Weir, Kans., a small island mining town, ten miles southwest of Pittsburg and about halfway between Highway 7 and Highway 69. We can't say that this is a beautiful town as those who know about a mining town know about how it looks, but God really has beautified some people here with old-time salvation. The folks had been worshipping in an old store building. Well, that was fine, we were glad they had that, but God moved on them this last winter and made them believe they could do better, and sure enough they did. With their faithful pastor in the lead, Brother C. C. Rains, they put on a building campaign. Sandballot and his crowd said they couldn't do it, but they did. They had a mind to work. They are now in their new building, a 30x40 frame building. They certainly are proud of their new church and so are we. They are planning on a revival here soon. Pray for them.

Last but not least, let's go up to the big town of Kansas City. Here we find all kinds of people and churches. I never knew there were so many churches. It looked like one on every corner and some missions in the middle, and, of course, something slipped up to me and said, "There are too many churches here already." I argued with that something a little while and finally God gave me grace to tell that something that if everybody else could have a church in Kansas City, God could have one too. The little

church that was there had lost its building and had not had a Sunday School in five weeks, but God undertook and they got their building back and God is blessing them. Their Sunday School is running about forty now. There have been several saved and sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and twelve added to the church this year. Among this number was a holiness preacher who had been preaching Church of God doctrine for twenty-eight years but had never found his home although he has found it now. We turned the church over to him and on the 23rd of April we ordained him bishop in the Church of God. His name is Steenburg. Yes, he is a German, but say, brother, he preaches holiness. Brother C. C. Rains is with them now in a revival. They have the building spirit up there too, they have sixty or seventy dollars pledged on a building there. Oh, how I do want to see every Church of God have a home. This great city has 121,000 population on the Kansas side and 412,000 on the Missouri side and this little church is the only Church of God in this great city. We have a Kansas preacher, Brother W. F. Long, who has recently moved to Kansas City on the Missouri side and has opened up a mission over there that we hope will be a Church of God soon. Go ahead, Brother Marcum, and use him, he is our preacher but we will lend him to you. After all we are all laborers together with God.

Well, we are going to try to find a place to close here. We appreciate every worker in the state. We put out the Macedonian cry when we came over here but no one seemed to respond. I guess too many people are like I was about Kansas. I felt like when Brother Walker asked me to come to Kansas that I must have gotten a call to foreign fields, but it isn't far up here. I was a little discouraged for a while, it looked as though all the preachers that had worked in Kansas were going to leave and no one else would come, but God said, "You have plenty of material right in Kansas that is just laying idle and rusting out," that all I needed was to dig it out and then we would have workers that were already climated. I am delighted with the state of Kansas. I am a Texan, have been there most of my life, had thought I could not live any other place. I still love the good old Lone Star state and the people but give me Kansas to live. There are some of the most beautiful places here I ever saw, especially this southeastern part. — Yours for the Church of God in Kansas, J. T. Campbell, overseer of Kansas, 1406 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kans.

BRIEF REPORTS

SAUL, Ky.—Dear readers, I am happy and praising God for victory in my

soul. I was a Christian about thirteen years and living up to all I knew. I was ignorant concerning our duties, so God showed me that the Church of God teachings and government was right and I knew we were supposed to walk in the light as it shined. I began to tell the Christians here that we needed to be organized and be members of the Church of God at Saul.

When we organized only six united but now we have thirty-two members on record at Saul and I love the Church of God. Praise God we will shout when Jesus comes. Pray for us. —Clark Napier, pastor.

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COFFEYVILLE, Kans.—How we thank and praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing in Kansas. Truly He is wonderful, so precious, so merciful, so loving, kind and true.

Last Saturday night and Sunday morning and afternoon we attended the district convention of the Eastern district and what a wonderful time we had in the Lord. It certainly was glorious. Then we came home for the night service. The Lord came down in a marvelous way and how He blessed, for which we certainly praise Him.

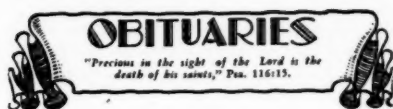
Truly, it is wonderful what the Lord can and will do if we open up all our windows toward heaven and let the glory roll in. There is no limit to His power only as we limit Him. Praise His sweet name. Pray for us that we will stay humble and obedient, ever ready to do the little things that God would have us do.—Cora Crossman, 107 Paul St.

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LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—Brother W. H. Maxwell came down in February, about the 5th, and set the church at Cedar Springs in order with nine members—one by transfer and eight new ones. Now we have nineteen members (May 4). The church is about fifteen miles from Lawrenceburg. God is surely blessing our little church. All of our members have the Holy Ghost except one. We have our new church up and had our first service Saturday night. Brother Claudia Taylor preached. We lack the doors and windows having it ready for dedication. Brother Maxwell is to preach the dedicatory sermon. Five came in the church last Sunday night and one received the Holy Ghost. God surely is blessing, for which we are very thankful.

We also have a new work started. God is blessing at that place. Four have been saved. Pray for us that God will give us another new church. Come to see us.

Pray for my father, mother, brothers and sisters, also pray for my wife, babies and me. Write me, I will be glad to hear from you. If you want me for a meeting, let me know.—L. J. Potts, Box 384.



PRUITT

Sister Bonnie Pruitt was born Sept. 19, 1907 and departed this life May 8, 1938. Sister Pruitt was a faithful servant of the Lord and a loyal member of the Church of God here in Shelby, N. C. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, C. P. Galloway, and H. C. Sisk and her body was laid to rest in the Zoar cemetery, south Shelby.—C. P. Galloway, 404 Clegg St., Shelby, N. C.

DRYMON

Little Joe Drymon, eleven-year-old son of Hubert and Sarah Drymon, departed this life April 28, 1938. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Brother H. E. Stone, and his remains laid to rest in the Fruitville cemetery.—C. A. Ford, his Sunday School teacher, Sarasota, Fla.

SEBYT

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tate Mike on May 6, 1938 and claimed their dear mother, Mrs. Minnie Seybt of Prosperity, S. C. She bore her afflictions the very best she could and had the Holy Ghost.—Her sister in Christ, Mrs. J. H. Evans, Rt. 4, Leesville, S. C.

RUSSELL

Brother Harry Russell departed this life April 22, 1938 at the age of fifty-five years. He had been a member of the Church of God at Key West, Fla. for twenty-five years and was faithful unto the end. The funeral service was conducted by Brothers L. A. Ford and T. W. Norris.—Sister Gracie Elwood, 607 Ashe St., Key West, Fla.

LEWIS

On April 27, 1938 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis and claimed their darling little Azalea. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Brother S. B. Webb, at Epps Church of God tabernacle and her little body laid in the Midway cemetery. May God bless her lonesome home.—One who dearly loved her, S. A. Beaubé, Rt. 1, Epps, La.

STIMSON

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Stimson and claimed their little darling Lovetta Joy. She was sixteen months and twenty-four days of age. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Brother W. T. Dodson, and her body laid to rest in the Adair cemetery.—A friend who loved her, Cora Dodson, Murphy, Okla.

QUEEN

My dear mother, Mrs. Ella Queen, departed this life May 7, 1938 at the

age of sixty-three years. She had the Holy Ghost twenty-nine years and was a member of the Church of God at Candler, N. C. for four years. The funeral was conducted by Brother D. H. Delk, assisted by Brother Hillhouse, and interment was made at the Pentecostal Holiness church cemetery.—Her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Hollifield, Rt. 1, Candler, N. C.

OPENING THE SEALS

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The inevitable result of world-wide anarchy and bloodshed is famine. So the black horse rider who appears at the breaking of the third seal (vs. 5-6) brings famine. The balances in his hand signifies food conservation when all able-bodied men are drafted for war and no one left to sow and harvest the crops, then famine is sure to follow and starvation will come for countless thousands. So great will be the famine that it will take a day's wages to buy a quart of wheat, the daily ration of a slave. The rich seem to escape a part of this judgment for the oil and wine, the luxuries of the well-to-do, are not to be hurt.

The next rider under the fourth seal is named Death, and Hell followed after him. Death and his consort Hades are inseparable companions and they claim an awful harvest at this time. So great will be the destruction of human life that Isa. 5:13-16 will be fulfilled. See how all this agrees with the prophecy of Christ in Matt. 24:4-8 where He speaks of false Christs, wars, famine, pestilences, and earthquakes. See Rev. 6:12 for this last event.

Under the fifth seal the scene changes completely from that of the work of the four horsemen. Now John sees under the altar the souls of them that had been slain and they cry, How long, O Lord. Who are they? The fact that their souls were under the altar proves that they were offered as a sacrifice for their testimony. As the saints of old they would not accept deliverance and died before they would take the beast's mark. We see them again with the rest of their brethren in Rev. 20:4. These are those who will be killed for the Word of God and their testimony, after the Church is caught out in the rapture. Jesus mentioned them in Matt. 24:9. They are the martyrs at the beginning of the great tribulation period. Their fellow-servants and their brethren who will also be killed (v. 11) are the martyrs of the end of the same period Rev. 20:4. These are the saints of the most high that Daniel foresaw would receive the kingdom (Dan. 7:27). These souls are conscious and can speak and cry as in verse 10, and to them was given white robes and they were told to rest. Nothing was to trouble them; their troubles were over;

just rest till the wrath of God was past. God's mercy closed and His wrath is taking place on this old earth. The blood for which they cry vengeance represents the life of the flesh. Underneath the altar where burnt offerings were offered in old times was a deep hole into which the blood of the victims was poured, Lev. 4:7, and so what John sees here is the lives that had been devoted to God at the cost of martyrdom. The terrible events that occur in connection with the breaking of the sixth seal (vs. 12-27) are both literal and symbolical, a series of tremendous convulsions affecting the entire physical, social and political world. The earthquake is a literal earthquake fulfilling Zech. 14:3, 4 and Rev. 16; 17:20. It also prefigures the breakup of society and the overthrow of all human authority. See Heb. 12:26, 27. The blood-moon, the falling stars, the scroll-like rolling up of the skies and the black sun are all literal, startling, physical changes that will cause a great fear to fall upon all classes and conditions of men to whom it will appear as the day of judgment and who in fear and terror will hide themselves in dens and in the rocks of the mountains and implore them to fall on them and hide them from the face and the wrath of the Lamb. What a prayer meeting! Kings, presidents, captains, capitalists, industrial leaders, officials, and common folks, all come together at that time. They had refused or neglected to avail themselves of the protection of the Rock of Ages when they had the opportunity of so doing, and now they call to the rocks and mountains to fall on them. They sneered at prayer once, but here they gather at the greatest prayer meeting the world has ever seen. They pray but their prayers are too late. Then they will realize there is a personal God, and that Jesus Christ is God's Lamb, no longer their sin-bearer but their judge. We hear men cry out today that there is no God, but in that day they will cry because there is a God and they must face Him. Read in connection with all this Isa. 13:9-13; 34:1-4; Joel 2:30, 31; Zeph. Ch. 1; Hag. 2:6, 7; Matt. 24:29; Amos 9:2, 3; Prov. 1:25, 26. These physical and political convulsions will be the earth's travail pains as she labors to bring forth the new creation of the millennium.

Thy kingdom come.

Notice

There will be an all-day service, home coming and memorial service in the Church of God at Tellico Plains, Tenn., the second Sunday in June (12th), D. V. We are expecting some preachers from off, visitors from near-by churches and a feast of good things from the Lord. Come bring a well-filled basket. Everybody welcome.—Mrs. H. L. Trim.



Please pray for the family of Mr. N. J. Francies who died Jan. 18, 1938. Please pray for his wife and children as they are very poor. Pray that God will open a way for her to live. Also pray for Sister Mariam Simond that she will be healed completely of rheumatism.—Sister Sarah E. Tucker, Grand Turk, B. W. I.

I have started a Sunday School at Conestee, S. C. We had fourteen Sunday. Do pray much for the work at Conestee that we will get a church there, and pray for five special requests. Pray that some people will see the light on the Church of God. Also pray for my needs that they will be supplied.—M. Gossett, Gen. Del., West Greenville, S. C.

Dear saints, please pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, and pray for my wife to be saved and that we will have a holy home. If anyone sees this who will come in here and give the devil a battle, we will be glad to have you as this is a hard place.—Ira J. Lee, R. F. D. 2, Arlington, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray for me. I fell and broke my leg, so pray for me that the Lord will heal me and increase my faith. Also pray that the Lord will give us a work in Bluefield. There is lots of good material here to work with. Pray for me and my loved ones who are out in sin.—Margie Hampton, Rt. 1, Box 614, Bluefield, W. Va.

Please pray for my lost loved ones that are out in sin. Pray that I will do the Lord's will at all times. Also pray for my eyes, they are very weak, pray that the Lord will heal them.—Miss Kathaleen Harmon, Cropwell, Ala.

Please pray for me, I have a tumor and the doctor said I must have an operation. I know the Lord is able to heal me of this. Pray that I will have more faith in the Lord. I would like to get letters from the dear saints on divine healing.—Mrs. Harold Tapley, Box 283, Marietta, Ga.

Dear saints, will you please pray earnestly that God will shed the Holy Ghost light on Hugh Foster? Pray that God will mightily work with him and make him hungry for the Holy Ghost. Also pray earnestly for an unspoken request.—E. L. Larsen, Lansing, Mich.

Please pray that God will completely heal me. Pray for our invalid baby, also pray hard for my husband who is out in sin and that he will take the desire

for drink and dancing away from him. Pray much for me that I may live closer to God.—Mrs. Minnie Howell, North Carolina.

Please help me pray that Sister Morgan and Brother Carden will be healed, and pray that the way will be made so I can go to church. I have a burdened heart about many things and I want you to pray that the burden will be removed.—Effie Masengale, R. F. D. 1, Harrison, Tenn.

Dear saints, I have a Christian boy who is a victim of circumstances. Please pray that his body may be healed of low blood pressure, hay fever, etc. also that his mind may be healed and comforted. Brother Rouse, please pray for him.—J. H. Burdette, Ware Shoals, S. C.

Dear saints, please get me on your prayer list and pray much for me as I have a broken back and am not able to do any work or even walk very far. My back hurts me all the time. Everyone please pray earnestly for me and I hope some one will fast and pray until the dear Lord will heal me and make me able to work again. I know He can heal my back just as easy as He can heal a toothache. If He heals me I will give Him the glory and will never go back on Him in any way. Please pray earnestly for me.—M. A. Tate, Lester, W. Va.

Please pray a special prayer for my husband, he has very bad heart attacks and gets very weak sometimes. He suffers most all the time. Brother Rouse, please pray a special prayer for him. Pray that God will give him the Holy Ghost and heal his body. If anyone feels led, send him an anointed handkerchief. Pray for me and our three little children.—Mrs. Fay Walden, Rt. 1, Anna, Tex.

Dear saints, after rigid examinations the doctors have found my system so poisoned from sinus infection that my blood is destroyed more than half. I am growing weaker all the time in body and at times my mind is very weak. There is serious danger of my having to undergo an operation on my head, and if my blood continues to diminish in quantity and quality I will have to resort to a blood transfusion and be confined to my bed again. The Lord has given me some definite healing touches. Please unite in earnest prayer to God that my faith may be increased and that I may receive the Holy Ghost and be humble and obedient to His will. Just ask Him to deliver me in His own good way.—Mrs. F. C. Campbell, 109 Henderson Ave., Rossville, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray for me, I am a backslider and want to be saved. The

devil has bound me down so long until when I try to pray it seems as if God turns His back on me. The devil will tell me there's no use trying to live right, that I have been so mean that I will never be saved, but I know the devil is a liar. Pray for God to have mercy on me. I feel I am lost without God. I am a cripple, was in a car wreck four years ago which crippled me for life. I am also a widow with one little girl. Please pray that I will be able to raise her right. I am having some very hard trials now. I also have an unspoken request which I want you to pray a special prayer for. Brother Rouse, please pray for the healing of my soul and body. I also have some kind of hurting in my left side. The doctor told me he was afraid I would have to be operated on. Please help me pray, I have no job and am not really able to work unless God helps me. Letters of encouragement will be appreciated. Please don't forget me in your prayers as I know I am lost without God, and please don't forget the unspoken requests.—Mrs. Kathleen Tolliver, Box 29, Mentone, Ala.

On Easter Sunday our mother fell and broke her hip. She surely was sick for two weeks but we just kept praying and now she is able to sit in a chair but can't use her left leg. Please pray for her complete victory. We have been trusting God for eighteen years and He never has failed. Pray for the Lord to bless our labors at this place and also at Wills Point, Tex.—R. H. Swain, Rt. 2, Edgewood, Tex.

Dear saints, I have an unspoken request. Much depends upon this, so please take it to God in prayer. Pray for a sixteen-year-old girl who has gone blind. Five doctors have given her up. Also pray for a little five-year-old girl who can't walk; if God doesn't heal her she can't live to be very old. Pray for their fathers and mothers. Pray for my husband to get saved, and pray for me that I will get closer to God. Pray for my mother. If anyone feels led to write, please do so. Remember Sister Ruby Smith of Eden, Ala. who has T. B.—Mrs. Ollie Ingram, Iron City, Ga.

Please pray for me that God will heal my body, if it is His will. I am afflicted in different ways and surely suffer. Please don't pass this by as I need your help. Pray that I will have more faith. Brother Rouse, please pray for me.—Mrs. C. Blaylock, Campaign, Tenn.

Please pray for the healing of my body. Also pray for our church work here at Donna, Tex. Pray that God will move on someone to help us in getting a church building.—Ed Yancey, Donna, Tex.

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BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

HUDSON, Fla.—We praise the Lord for His great love and mercy and for the way He has blessed us here at Hudson. In spite of every opposing spirit, we are coming to the front. Our good Holy-Ghost-filled pastor, Brother Mallory Smith, has worked hard for the interest of our little church. Since he came here we have a parsonage completed enough for him to move in. The W. W. B. is working hard to finish the house. We put on a Bible chapter contest and in five weeks the contest was finished. The sides were blue and red. The red side read 24,012 chapters and the blue side 24,345 chapters, so you see somebody is reading the Bible. We ask an interest in your prayers that God will send an old-time revival here.—Mrs. Jno. Hatcher.

PENSACOLA, Fla.—We thank the dear Lord for the way He is working here in Pensacola and for the dear ones who are coming back home. We feel that we are getting back to that old-time, heartfelt love and have a greater zeal to move on and get closer to Jesus. Pray that each one can have more faith in Jesus and walk in all the light.

We have just closed a meeting with Sister Ena Williams doing the preaching. Some wonderful messages were given out under the anointing power. Many were blessed. Eternity will reveal the good that was done. It proved a blessing to all, I'm sure, who love the real truth. We felt honored to have our General and State overseers, Brothers Walker and Ellis, who visited us. Brother Ellis preached for us Sunday night after the convention at Bonifay, April 24, and we were glad to have him with us. We will stand in need of prayer, dear saints.—Lela Culpepper, 2021 N. 12th Ave.

BOGALUSA, La.—The Lord is still blessing in Bogalusa. Sunday, May 1, we had home coming. My, how the Lord did bless! We had visitors from Shepherds Fold and Sharps tabernacle with their pastor, our district overseer, Brother Oscar McManus, also visitors from Kentwood with their pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Frank Fitzgerald, Savannah Branch, Bedico, Mitchells Chapel in Mississippi, Brother Homer Smith and wife and other visitors from Covington.

Brother McManus brought the morning message and it was food to our souls. At twelve o'clock dinner was served and there was an abundance of food. After dinner we had an old-time testimony service and plenty of good singing.

Brother Frank Fitzgerald and his wife brought a message which brought many tears to our eyes. How God did bless! Then came the good-byes. Some day we are going to have a home coming in the sky and then we won't have to say good-bye.

Our pastor, Brother Dewitt Sharp, is in a revival at North Bogalusa now and is having good success. Everybody pray for him that God will give him souls for his labor. We are planning on a revival here at the church at a later date. Pray for Bogalusa.—Miss Ruth Moran, clerk.

McBEE, S. C.—Praise God, South Carolina has another church. It was set in order in April with five members; and we also have a good Sunday School. We had approximately sixty in Sunday School, May 1. This church is in Darlington county and is the only Church of God in this county. Pray for us down here; they are interested in the Church of God in these towns—Darlington, Lamar, Bishopville, Hartsville and Florence.

Praise God for our little church here near Hartsville. We are going to, by the help of the Lord, put the Church of God in these other counties. We certainly praise our God for our beloved state overseer, Brother Beaube, who is working hard to get churches in these towns. Come over and help us.—Fred W. Barfield, evangelist.

TRUMANN, Ark.—Dear readers, I am glad of this wonderful paper; it is food to me and helps me. I received the Holy Ghost about six years ago and went in another church, thinking that I was doing right, but later I found that I was not in the Church of God, so my dear wife and I came out. I thank Brother Walker and Brother Latimer, the McCoy boys and Brother Robinson, they are all good. Pray for us, we have found the Church of God and we want a good man to come to Trumann, we need him.—A true friend to the Church, G. E. Dillard, Rt. 1, Box 180.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.—The Lord is blessing us in a wonderful way both spiritually and financially. We have good attendance at Sunday School and church. Our crowd is rapidly increasing with no place to seat them. They stand out by the hundreds and that puts us so in need of a larger church. We are praying and putting forth every effort possible that God will lend us such a helping hand that we will be enabled

to build a church soon to seat at least a thousand people. The way our Sunday School is increasing with such a small house makes it such a burden to arrange our classes. They are so jammed we have no freedom. Brother A. J. Swift, our pastor, is doing good. Everybody enjoys his sermons.

Our Y. P. E. is growing and improving and taking a great interest. Last Wednesday night the house was practically full of both young and old interested folks, twenty-four new members were added to our roll. Our W. W. B. workers are doing all they can in every way they can to aid and assist the church. Our W. W. B. has been organized a short time and has already paid to the church \$50.00. That's fine. There are some happy hearts among us up here in Johnson City, because of our progress. You good people just visit us and see for yourselves how fine we are progressing, also how good we feel.—Mrs. Mary Quinten, clerk, 418 Hamilton St.

DOUGHNUTS?

Yes, the Vicksburg, Mo. Church of God W. W. B. made and sold in four weeks (Fridays and Saturdays only) over 600 dozen, making a net profit of over \$75.00. We sold 222 dozen in one week, making a profit of \$48.00, with a little donated. We have expended over \$70.00 for church and parsonage repairs. When doughnuts get stale, we'll start something else! We start baking Friday night and finish our work Saturday evening.

Willing Workers, if you want this recipe for Church of God "cake doughnuts" write The Church of God, Rt. 2, Box 121, Steele, Mo.—A Willing Worker, pastor, Chancel French.

State Conventions

- May 26-29—North Carolina.
- June 2-5—South Carolina.
- June 2-5—Western Maryland and District of Columbia, Baltimore, Md.
- June 9-12—Virginia.
- June 9-12—Florida.
- June 16-19—Mississippi.
- June 16-19—West Virginia.
- June 18-26—Michigan, Lake Odessa.
- June 23-26—Arkansas.
- June 28-July 4—North Dakota.
- July 1-3—Tennessee, Knoxville.
- July 7-10—New Mexico.
- July 7-10—Maryland.
- July 14-17—Oklahoma.
- July 14-17—Georgia.
- July 21-24—Kansas.
- July 21-24—Alabama.
- July 28-31—Texas.
- July 28-31—Kentucky.
- August 4-7—Pennsylvania.
- August 4-7—Louisiana.
- August 11-14—Maine.

B. T. S. Echoes

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but if we are safely sheltered in a house built upon a foundation like this, we need never fear, we shall never be moved. We need never experience the concern of the Psalmist when he said, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do," for Jesus said, "No man can pluck you out of my hand." When we hear the words of Jesus, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," and, "Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth," we may rest assured that we can commit our souls into the hands of one who is able to keep it "against that day," and to, "present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Thank God. We have a sure foundation. That little word Paul used in 2 Timothy 2:19, "nevertheless," carries with it the thought that it does not matter what man may say, what doctrines of perversion may arise, what ruthless, godless modernists may teach, nevertheless, notwithstanding, just the same, "the foundation of God standeth sure." Oh, thank God for such an assurance, such firm footing, such divine confidence in our position. We do not build with fears, misapprehensions, or misty vision. We have met Peter's Savior and can say with him, "Thou hast the words of eternal life." We seek no further, we believe and build. Wise men and women have only to hear the gospel of Christ and they, hearing, believe, and believing, do "according to the pattern."

The ungodly are not so: they hear and do not. They know the gospel of life but since it is a strait gate and a narrow way they say with wicked Israel, "We will not walk therein." They hear and care not for the words of Christ. They build their house to suit themselves—on the earth with no foundation, after the way of men. Many build upon the merits of their own righteousness, which is as filthy rags in the sight of a holy God. Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saved us. Thousands put their dependence in the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, but, "There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we may be saved." The foolish build upon the earth, after an earthly pattern, so fickle, light, insubstantial. But just wait, some day the Son of God is going to split the skies asunder and come with His mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that KNOW NOT GOD, and that obeyed not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 Thess. 1:7, 8. It will be an awful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God. Why

be foolish when you can be wise? Why be lost when you can be saved? Throw all of your preconceived ideas and opinions to the wind and both hear and do the words of Christ. Cast aside your human dependence and cast yourself upon the mercy of God whereby He saves us.

Pleasure Received in Bible Study

I thank the Lord and you people at Bible School for the home course I've been permitted to take. I can't find words to tell the pleasure I got out of the Bible study. It surely was a blessing to me. It just can't be valued in money, for it was worth many times more than the price I paid for it.

I advise anyone working for the Lord to try his best to get it. I'm very proud of my diploma I received a short time ago. May God's richest blessings be with you. Always remember me and my unsaved when you pray.

Thanks to Brother C. M. Jenkerson for his kindness to me in my study.—A sister, Gertrude Palmer, Rt. 1, Nebo, Va.

CONVENTIONS

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provement of the Sunday School and for the extension of foreign missions. The collection Sunday was \$51.05 and this was a special and independent collection and had nothing to do with their regular annual quota for foreign missions. This Church especially emphasizes the annual mission quota and also tithes. These important fundamentals are pressed with interest and success throughout the year.

The service opened at 10:00 a. m. with special music and singing. This fine program included numbers by several different kinds of instruments. The choir consisted of at least one hundred fine singers who had been especially trained for this day. Special prayer for the work in the districts followed. Then came the address by the Hon. J. R. Rogers on the subject, "Importance of the Sunday School." He handled this subject very well and gave many new ideas. Then

followed the special mission offering which was pleasing for one day. In this church every day is mission and tithe day. Then exactly at 11:00 o'clock the sermon, the most important sermon of this convention, was delivered by Brother E. W. Williams. It was a most interesting and powerful sermon by a great preacher called of God. This Church is extremely fortunate to have such a powerful minister at its head in the state.

The entire meeting was permeated with goodwill, brotherly love, bright and shining and happy faces, and expressions of genuine peace, happiness, and love, and victory of the gospel over sin. Erwin and the Church of God of the entire state are to be thanked and congratulated for this great convention. The pastor at Erwin, Brother E. E. Winters, had a large share in this great day and he had the loyal support and cooperation of his membership. In such cases there is no failure.

This was a day of great spirituality. Cold, empty, lifeless, fickle, man-made Christianity of today was compared with the heath in the desert, Jer. 17:6, great cedars of Lebanon—the great evergreen, tall palm trees of righteousness, representing strong Christian characters of today, well rooted and grounded in faith, love, trust and obedience of a living Christ and the power of the great minister along this line was wonderful. If the writer lives on for many years to come, he will never forget this great day of power and religious conquest, and the amazing descriptions of the palm tree and cedars of Lebanon Christians—Christians of heart purity and righteousness who trust in God and not man for salvation.—R. L. Godwin.

NOTE: Attorney R. L. Godwin of Dunn, N. C. and Sheriff R. U. Barber of Smithfield, N. C. were among the many visitors present at our convention at Erwin, N. C. and they were publicly recognized and accorded the honor of the floor for a brief word on the convention. Each responded with a few very happy and appropriate words of strong approval.—E. E. Winters, district overseer.

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This is to notify the Church of God everywhere that D. F. Mize is not a minister or member of the Church of God. He was excluded Feb. 17, 1938.—T. S. Payne, overseer of the Church of God in South Texas.

Loran V. Hall and Burl Sumner have been dropped from our ministerial list this year, also disfellowshipped from the church for sufficient charges.—Sincerely, E. M. Ellis, overseer of Florida.

The Youngstown, Ohio district Sunday School rally will convene with the Hammondville Sunday School, Hammondville, Ohio, Saturday evening, May 28, beginning at 7:45 p. m. All our neighboring Sunday Schools, churches and pastors are invited to attend. We are expecting a real love feast. We want to report that each Sunday School on the district is doing its best. There is good interest and an increase in all the Sunday Schools. We expect to have our district overseer, Brother R. C. Muncy, with us. Come be with us.—W. L. Pate, district superintendent, 2715 Midlothian Blvd., Struthers, Ohio.

REQUESTS

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Please pray a special prayer for my mother, Mrs. Rebecca Howard, 710 Grove St., Kenton, Ohio. She has been down for some time with cancer of the stomach, given up to die by three doctors. She is not saved and is now praying day and night. God is her only hope now for soul and body. Pray that God will undertake and heal her, and if not His will to do so that she will get saved. Anyone at Findlay or near Kenton, please visit and pray for her and God will reward you for doing so.—Wardie Mann, 1457 Gladstone Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Please pray for my boys who are down with T. B. Pray that God will save them and heal their bodies. Pray earnestly, for the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—Mrs. J. S. Woodford, Rt. 2, Huddleston, Va.

Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my body. I have been a sufferer for seventeen years and have been treated by some of the best doctors that can be found and I haven't got any relief only for just a while. I suffer day and night with my back. Pray till your prayers go through. I am looking to Jesus to heal me, I am trusting Him because I know He is able. Brother Rouse, please pray for me.—Mrs. Lillie Johnston, Archibald, La.

Please pray for me, I have a special request. Also pray for my unsaved husband and brothers. I have two brothers

possessed with the drink habit. Pray that God will save them. Brother Rouse, please pray for them. I have something that hurts me all over, like rheumatism. Pray that I will be healed and get closer to God.—Mrs. W. C. Johnson, Rt. 1, Coats, N. C.

Please pray a special prayer for my nephew to be saved, he has been in bed two months with some kind of a sore in his head and the doctor says he has T. B. also. He may have to go out to meet God soon unprepared, please pray for God to save him. Pray for his mother, she used to be a member of the Church of God here but moved to Tahoka, Tex. If any of you saints who read this live close enough, will you please visit them? Her name and address is Mrs. Virgie Cooper, R. R. 4, Tahoka, Tex., c/o E. G. George.—Miss Sarah Blasingame, 819 Eastern Ave., Hobart, Okla., c/o Ada Snow.

Dear ones, I thank all our good friends during the illness and death of my darling little boy that the dear Lord called away the 20th of March. It seems I can't give him up. I know he is not suffering now, so I want each one to pray that I can get him off my mind, and pray for me to get closer to the Lord. I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost and fire though I feel I need a closer walk with God. Pray for my unsaved husband that he will be saved before it is too late. Pray for my mother, father and all my loved ones to be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. Maggie Ragan, Box 105, Giatto, W. Va.

MISSIONS

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God is working in these last days and

the dear old Church of God is really moving forward. What we must do is stand true to God and also stand foursquare for His Word and victory is ours. Hallelujah! God is still on His throne and "prayer changes things."

*We are not so mindful of a great display,
Nor do we seek the praise of men!
No, we will walk the humble way,
Until our Bridegroom comes again.*

*The Church of God, the tried and true,
Her standard encircles the globe.
Upon her empire, the sun never sets,
Her full glories can never be told.*

—Yours humbly in the service of the Master, Brother William R. Franks, overseer of Bahamas.

Lord Blessing at Odum, Ga.

JESUP, Ga.—We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here at Odum, Ga. Although we have had the enemy to battle against, God is more than a match for him. There have been four converted, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. Last night the power fell from heaven and Brother Langford of Brunswick, Ga., brought us such a soul-stirring message until it made us feel like we were in a heavenly place. Praise the Lord! The fight is still on and we desire the prayers of every saint of God that we will be at our best for God. Thank the Lord for Brother Morris Lee's faithfulness in making music and singing for us. Also Foye Norris, my brother, has been a great help here in the meetings, which we appreciate. Pray for God to have His way here at Odum.—Mrs. M. B. Norris, Rt. 2.

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